

## COVID-19 Vaccine Information Brief

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Changes to the document from the previous version are highlighted in yellow.

### Updated Clinician Resources

The following materials have been updated to reflect the latest [ACIP recommendation](#) to include adolescents aged 12 to 15 years as eligible for Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine.

- [Prevaccination Checklist for COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- Preparation and Administration Summary: [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#)
- Standing Orders: [Pfizer-BioNTech](#) and [Moderna](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [Interim Clinical Considerations Summary Document](#)

### Haiou Needle/Syringe Combos No Longer in Circulation

- Haiou needle/syringe combos were pulled from distribution in March largely due to feedback from providers. These products are no longer provided in ancillary kits, but some may still be found in storage or on shelves. If providers have products manufactured by Guangdong Haiou Medical Apparatus Co., LTD. (HAIYOU), they are encouraged to dispose of them appropriately. This includes:
  - 1mL syringe with 25G x 1-inch needle
  - 1mL syringe with 23G x 1-inch needle
- The FDA is working with federal partners to identify where these configurations have been distributed and inform those sites of the quality issues.



### Resources on myocarditis and pericarditis following COVID-19 vaccination

Since April 2021, cases of myocarditis and pericarditis have been reported in the United States after mRNA COVID-19 vaccination (Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna). CDC is aware of these reports, which are rare given the number of vaccine doses administered.

- CDC published [Clinical Considerations](#) for myocarditis and pericarditis following COVID-19 vaccination. Additionally, [resources for the public](#) have been added to CDC's website that can be a resource for patients.

- CDC and its partners are actively monitoring these reports, by reviewing data and medical records, to learn more about what happened and to see if there is any relationship to COVID-19 vaccination. CDC continues to recommend [COVID-19 vaccination](#) for everyone 12 years of age and older, given the greater risk of COVID-19 illness and related, possibly severe complications.

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## Expiration Date Resources

**For EUA COVID-19 vaccines that do not have a final expiration date, the Immunization Program has set up an expiration date of 12/31/2069 to serve as a *placeholder date* in IRIS.** Such vaccines have a dynamic expiration date, which can change over time as additional stability data become available. This placeholder date, which is far in the future, is intended to serve as a prompt for the provider to check the latest expiry information on the manufacturer's website.

**Janssen COVID-19 vaccine:** The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Call 1-800-565-4008, or
- Go to [www.vaxcheck.jnj/](http://www.vaxcheck.jnj/)

**Moderna COVID-19 vaccine:** The expiration date is NOT printed on the vaccine vial or carton. To determine the expiration date:

- Scan the QR code located on the outer carton, or
- Go to [www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/](http://www.modernatx.com/covid19vaccine-eua/)

**Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine:** This vaccine product has an expiration date located on the vaccine vial. CDC will be updating VTrckS effective immediately to replace the placeholder date in VTrckS with the actual expiration date.

CDC's [COVID-19 Vaccine Expiration Date Tracking Tool](#) can help providers keep track of the expiration date by lot number.

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## Pfizer 450-Dose Presentation

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has amended the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to include a new Pfizer 450-dose order configuration.

### Key Facts about the 450-dose pack

- The new 450-dose pack includes 3 trays of 25 vials each
- Vials will be shipped in the same container as the 1,170-dose orders and will include the same Controlant temperature monitor
- The newly extended refrigerator storage temperatures should decrease the need for dry ice.
  - Therefore, Pfizer asks the shippers and Controlant monitors be returned within 10 days
  - **There will be no dry ice replenishment for the 450-dose pack.**
- The minimum order size is 450 doses
- Roughly 35% of the Pfizer allocations will consist of the 450-dose pack
- IRIS will list the 1170 dose and 450 dose presentations separately

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## Clinician Resources

General information about COVID-19 vaccine products for clinicians and healthcare professionals can be found on the [COVID-19 Vaccination webpage](#).

Clinical information including FAQs, Contraindications and Precautions as well as Administrative resources can be found for each vaccine on their own product webpage.

- [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#)
  - [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#)
  - [Janssen/J&J COVID-19 vaccine](#)
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## VaccineFinder

- Iowa is participating in [VaccineFinder](#) for the general public to find COVID-19 vaccine providers
  - Currently limited to COVID-19 vaccine providers that serve the general public
  - Includes provider types such as pharmacies, local public health that provided website information to previous IDPH survey
  - Excludes provider types expected not to serve the general public such as occupational health clinics, colleges, LTCs, and private practice
  - Site intended to send public to a pre-screening or scheduling website
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## Vaccinate with Confidence

Below are updated [resources](#) aimed at building confidence in COVID-19 vaccines.

[Key Things to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions about Vaccination](#)

[Vaccine Recipient Education](#)

[Vaccine Communication Toolkit for Medical Centers, Clinics, Pharmacies, and Clinicians](#)

**Ad Council:** [COVID-19 Collaborative Education Toolkit \(Healthcare Provider Resources\)](#)

**HHS:** [COVID-19 Public Education Campaign Resources](#)

**HHS:** [Talking Points for Health Care Leaders to Encourage Vaccine Confidence](#)

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## CDC COVID Data Tacker

CDC has released the COVID Data Tracker. The [Vaccinations tab](#) on the tracker shows overall US COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration. State views for total doses distributed are also available.

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## V-Safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after an individual receives a COVID-19 vaccination. V-safe web pages feature information on how to register and complete a v-safe health check-in (including step-by-instructions with images), troubleshooting, FAQs, and contact information for technical support. These web pages will be continuously updated with additional resources.

- V-safe information sheet and poster: Posted on the Vaccine webpage and available in 5 languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Simplified Chinese
- [V-safe after vaccination health checker website](#)
- [V-Safe Print Resources](#)
- [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System \(VAERS\)](#)

Parents and guardians can now enroll adolescents (ages 12 and older) in the [v-safe after vaccination health checker](#)<sup>SM</sup> and complete health check-ins on their behalf after COVID-19 vaccination. All adolescents in the family who are eligible to be vaccinated can be enrolled. Parents and guardians should use their smartphone to complete a separate **v-safe** registration for each adolescent. All **v-safe** communications will be sent to the parent or guardian's smartphone.

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